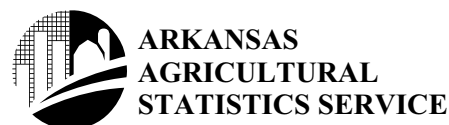


ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

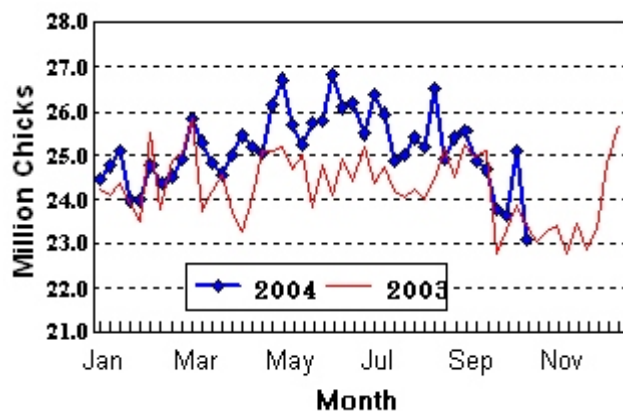
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.1 million during the week ending October 23, 2004. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and down 8 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 23, 2004 were 1.08 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.3 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 8 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

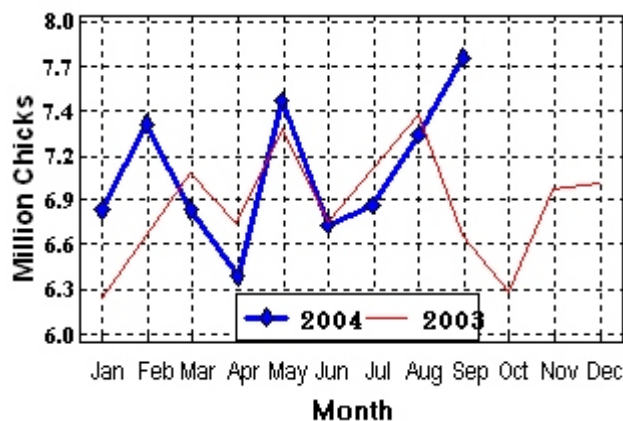
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 23, 2004, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and also from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.8 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2004, up 17 percent from September 2003.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2003- 2004**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Sep. 18	24,972	24,868	100
Sep. 25	25,128	24,656	98
Oct. 2	22,798	23,806	104
Oct. 9	23,333	23,656	101
Oct. 16	23,886	25,114	105
Oct. 23	23,387	23,132	99

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Apr.	6,735	6,402	95
May	7,323	7,492	102
Jun.	6,748	6,727	100
Jul.	7,071	6,834	97
Aug.	7,401	7,280	98
Sep.	6,654	7,758	117

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct		18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	
Alabama	29,481 *	28,953	27,665 *	27,335	103	21,309	21,257	21,029 *	19,976	20,494 *	20,948	98
ARKANSAS	28,103 *	29,684	28,681	28,453	99	24,868	24,656	23,806	23,656	25,114 *	23,132	99
Delaware	3,631	3,619	3,563 *	3,366	104	5,096	4,813	4,093	4,644	5,062 *	4,631	106
Florida	1,348	1,349	1,349	1,346	99	1,298	1,226	1,421	1,555	1,538 *	1,512	94
Georgia	31,726 *	32,749 *	30,101	31,182	110	27,878 *	27,594 *	25,441	25,792	23,146 *	25,433	104
Kentucky	6,547	6,827	5,839	5,838	97	5,982	5,595	5,454	5,574	5,721 *	5,639	103
Louisiana	3,846	3,816	3,816	3,665	99	4,128	3,921	3,531	3,655	3,659	3,424	96
Maryland	8,548	8,053	8,118 *	7,967	101	5,557	5,718	5,695	4,567	5,605 *	6,000	105
Mississippi	18,226 *	18,194	17,553	17,630	101	16,260	17,108	16,076	15,626	15,942	16,271	109
N. Carolina	17,283 *	17,084	16,956	17,416	99	14,270	13,895	13,605	13,669	14,410	13,714	104
Oklahoma	5,699	6,195	6,227 *	5,919	91	6,720	5,744	5,016	4,304	4,805	3,779	95
Pennsylvania	3,881	3,737 *	3,769 *	3,737	108	2,903	2,907	2,661	2,434 *	2,573 *	2,797	107
S. Carolina	4,223	4,267	4,198	4,583	109	4,026	3,713	4,330	4,537	4,435	4,049	100
Texas	14,472 *	15,125	13,836	13,051	101	12,733	12,575	12,254	11,105	12,596	12,012	102
Virginia	5,847	6,530	6,091	6,573	99	5,518	5,061	5,458	4,820	4,794	4,699	106
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,261	17,561	16,534 *	15,903	105	14,985	15,735	16,949	15,014	14,290 *	16,622	119
Total 2004	200,122 *	203,743 *	194,296 *	193,964		173,531 *	171,518 *	166,819 *	160,928 *	164,184 *	164,662	
Total 2003	195,032	196,592	187,583	190,088		165,761	163,137	158,932	157,612	160,266	159,007	
%Prev. Year	103	104	104	102		105	105	105	102	102	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 194 million eggs during the week ending October 23, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 23, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 23, 2004 were 7.38 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.